

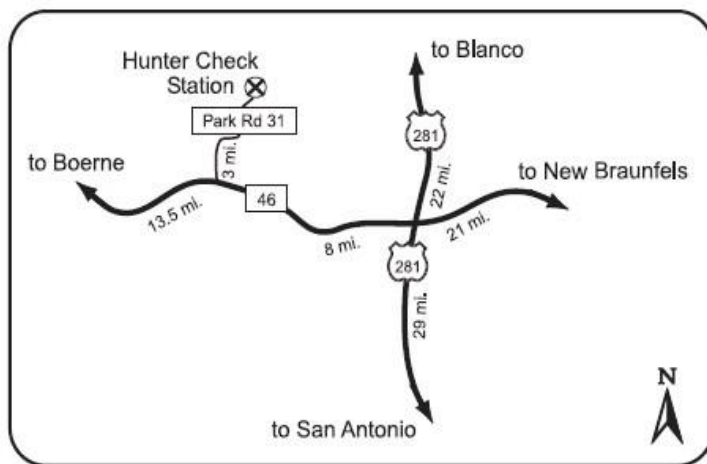


# HONEY CREEK STATE NATURAL AREA

## BACKGROUND

Honey Creek State Natural Area consists of 2,293 acres located approximately four miles southwest of Spring Branch in Comal County. The property was acquired by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department during 1985 from the Texas Nature Conservancy and is preserved as a natural area.

Objectives of the Department are to restore and maintain healthy populations of native fauna and flora in natural habitats and to provide for compatible public use. Where game populations exceed the carrying capacity of the habitat, the preferred method of reduction is public hunting.



## HUNTING INFORMATION

All park rules and regulations must be adhered to unless superseded by hunting regulations.

Permitted hunters should report to the headquarters at Guadalupe River State Park (see map) no later than 10:30 a.m. to complete paperwork on the first day of their assigned hunt so they are ready for the 11 a.m. orientation. **Hunters must contact the area as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt. Additionally, only one orientation will be provided – failure to appear for the orientation will cause a forfeit of your hunt.**

**Standby positions will be available should a slot not be filled by the lottery draw. However, there are no guaranteed standby slots.** Please call 830.438.2656 to check on the status the day prior to the scheduled hunt. If available, the standby drawing will take place at 10 a.m. at the front gate entrance to the park.

To reach the park entrance, take State Highway 46 approximately 7 miles west from the intersection of U.S. Highway 281 and State Highway 46, turn north (right) on Park Road 31 and go approximately 3 miles. The entrance is well marked. Orientation for each hunt begins promptly at 11 a.m. at the amphitheater, located behind the Discovery Center. Following the orientation, Texas Parks and Wildlife personnel will take hunters to their assigned blinds. Hunting will end 30 minutes after sunset on the final day of the assigned hunt.

Hunters must wear a minimum of **400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material**, with at least 144 square inches appearing on both chest and back and orange headwear.

Use of dogs is prohibited.

Legal weapons are **center-fire rifles** only.

Non-permitted visitors and family members will not be allowed on the Park during hunts except that a non-hunting adult assisting a permitted handicapped hunter will be allowed.

Hunters will be responsible for the reasonable care of their game after harvest. No facilities for deer storage are available but a cleaning station is available at Honey Creek (there are no lights and there is no water); commercial facilities are available in Boerne and New Braunfels.

Hunters are reminded that they must have a valid Texas Hunting License, and any required stamp as required by statute. It is no longer necessary to use a hunting license tag or bonus tag for on a deer taken during a Special Permit drawn hunt however a TPWD Legal Deer Tag, issued at the area, must be attached to a harvested deer prior to leaving the hunt area. Hunters 17 years of age and older must have in their possession a valid I.D. Hunter Safety Education is required of Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971 (see the Texas Parks and

Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information). Each hunter should also bring a flashlight, food, drinking water, a folding chair if you don't want to sit on a wooden bench, and foul weather gear. **Be prepared to hike up to ½ mile to your assigned blind.**

Disturbance or removal of plants, rocks, artifacts, or other objects is prohibited.

The public display or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited. No hunter shall consume or be under the influence of alcohol while in the field hunting or on park property.

Hunters' vehicles will not be allowed into the hunt area, except that disabled individuals may hunt from a stationary motor vehicle. Operation of an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or off-road vehicle (ORV) is prohibited, except by disabled persons or an adult directly assisting the permitted handicapped hunter.

Camping will be available on the Park for permitted hunters. Multi-purpose campsites with electricity, water, and tent pads will be available for use. Reservations are not required but will be accepted in advance by calling (512) 389-8900. The normal overnight camping fee will be charged to those hunters using the Park's facilities. Adequate lodging is available in Boerne. For more information about the park call (830) 438-2656.

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